

Clerkship Grading

Your clerkship grade will consist of 3 components:

Direct Contact Hours	Weight
Extensive (>40 hours)	X16
Substantial (11 to 40 hours)	X8
Moderate (5 to 10 hours)	X4
Limited (1 to 4 hours)	X2
No Contact (<1 hour)	0

- b. Your CCE grade will be based on your performance in each of the 5 competencies. Final grade can be found in the highlighted boxes.
- i. To qualify for CCE honors a student must have HONORS IN PROFESSIONALISM.
 - ii. If the professionalism grade is HP or Pass, the highest CCE grade that can be assigned is HP.
 - iii. Patient care and Interpersonal communication skills are vital components of the CCE grade.
 - iv. Receiving Honors in Systems based practice and Practice based learning and improvement can improve your grade, but receiving High pass or Pass cannot lower your grade.

Competency Grades for Patient
Care, Interpersonal and
Communication Skills

- High Pass with Clinical Excellence – If a student performs at an honors level for clinical performance and departmental points, a designation of “High pass with clinical excellence” will be noted in the MSPE narrative for the relevant clerkship.
- d. Fail in one competency for assessment of clinical performance will result in the following
 - i. If a student fails Professionalism, Practice-Based Learning and Improvement, or Interpersonal and Communication Skills, a grade of DEFER will be assigned and REMEDIATION will be required. Once the remediation is successfully completed, the student’s transcript grade will be changed to a PASS.
 - ii. If a student fails Patient Care, a grade of FAIL will be assigned, and the clerkship must be REPEATED in its entirety.
 - iii. The lowest grade possible for the Systems-Based Practice competency is a pass.

2. NBME subject exam Most recent national data from NBME will be used. For the 2024-2025 academic year, data from 2022-2023 will be used.

- a. Honors: \geq 55 %tile
- b. HP/P: 5-54 %tile
- c. Fail: < 5%tile*

* Students must achieve the 5th percentile on the NBME subject examination to successfully complete the clerkship. Failure to achieve the 5th percentile will require the student to retake the subject examination and a grade of DEFER will be assigned. A second attempt on the NBME subject examination must be completed within one year from the first attempt. If the student achieves the 5th percentile or higher on the second attempt a grade of PASS will be assigned. PASS is the highest grade that can be achieved after a DEFER grade. If a student fails the NBME exam on a second attempt, then the final grade is FAIL and the clerkship must be repeated.

3. Departmental educational program(20 points total)

- a. Honors: 17
- b. HP/P : 11-16
- c. Fail < 11 points

Point distribution – 12 of the 20 points will be for OSCE performance.

- 1. There will **2 OSCE cases**
 - a. Each case will be worth 6 points with points distributed as follows:
 - i. Communication skills = 20%
 - ii. History/Physical exam = 40%
 - iii. Write up = 40%

A student must score at least 70% on each of the OSCE cases to pass the OSCE and the departmental education program category. A score of 4.2 on each case is required to pass. The highest clerkship grade a student can achieve after completing the required retake for the case(s) they failed is a PASS. A grade of Incomplete is submitted until the OSCE is successfully remediated and passed.

- 2. 8 points – discipline specific activities
- 3. A minimum of 11 total points must be achieved in the Departmental Education Program. If a student does not meet the minimum threshold a grade of DEFER will be assigned until remediation is completed. PASS is the highest grade that can be achieved after a DEFER grade is resolved.

Surgery Departmental Scoring:

OSCE=12 points

The Department of Surgery will administer an Objective Structured Clinical Examination. This offers the opportunity to demonstrate some of the skills and abilities learned during the clerkship. The examination will consist of two 25-minute H&P sessions with write up.

Quiz=3 points

A multiple choice quiz will be administered on the topics included in the Aquifer/Wise MD cases assigned and the Wednesday videoconference cases. These are all topics that will be included in your NBME.

EthicsPaper=1 point

Case Logs

Case logs, including educational assigned hours for every week including orientation days and the last week, procedures, patients along with diagnostic category requirements need to be logged on a regular basis and in a timely fashion. Logs need to be complete and consistently updated to receive full credit for case logs. This means no 14 day notice of non completion of logs and all hours logs must be completed for every week including orientation week. If logs are incomplete by the end of the clerkship or if notices are received of inconsistent updates points will be deducted and an Incomplete grade assigned until logs are completed. Students should log patients they worked up in the clinic, on rounds, preop and from the OR. Points will be deducted if all case logs are not completed accurately by midnight of the NBME.

Diagnostic Category Requirement